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Unfair campaigning

Fee referendum cancelled

by Brian Dryden and Francesca Lo-Dico

CUSA's fee increase referendum has been cancelled because of unfair campaigning by student association's executives.

The CUSA judicial board decided Wednesday to cancel the referendum, which was to take place on January 25-27, because the Yes side was using CUSA resources without setting up an actual Yes committee.

CUSA board of directors by-elections, scheduled to coincide with the fee referendum, were also cancelled because of poor publicty and organisation.

During referndums CUSA normally allots a specific amount of money to a YES and NO committee to campaign with.

Chief returning officer Diane Dyson said some CUSA employees were acting as a YES committee but they had not officially registered as such. She also said there were rumors that the yes side had spent more money than campaign regulations allow.

"We decided to have a clean election later than have a dirty one now," Dysonsaid.

The judicial board decided it was better to cancel the referendum than to hold the vote and have it reversed because its procedure breaches CUSA's constitution.

"We felt that there were many challenges to be made on procedure," said CUSA co-president Maxine Clarke. "We felt we should just cancel instead of having the elections challenged, annulled or devoid."

Students would have been asked in the referendum whether they would agree to a 40-cent-per-credit increase in student association fees which would have come into effect next year.

Clarke said the increase was needed to improve CUSA programs and allow the student association to give more money to clubs whose budgets were cut by up to 40 per cent this year.

According to Clarke, the breach of procedure included lack of publicity, failure to set up a meeting to discuss referendum procedure, and failure to follow legislation on the budgetting of the campaign.

The irregularities occurred because information on referendum procedure was not available to the judicial board, said the board's chair David Hutman. In the past the referendums have been run on traditional procedure and not on set rules.

"The rules are not written," Hutman said. "We do not have a set of rules on how a referendum should be run. If there are, we weren't able to find them."

The referendum has been reschedueled to coincide with the general election of next years CUSA co-presidents and board of directors.

But that is only if the general election is held in early March as expected. If the election ends up being in late March, Clarke said that there would be no point in holding a fee increase referendum if some students have already registered without the fee being written into their contract.

CUSA co-president Robert Douglas criticized the judicial board and the executive for not having realized earlier that there were serious problems with the upcoming referendum and by-elections.

"I haven't seen any posters or platforms," he said. "A lot of people are not aware there was a referendum and by-elections next week."

He added if the judicial board was unfamiliar with procedure they should have done something about it. "It was understood that they were going to do this, this and that," said Douglas. "They claim that they know the sending orders, so why were they ignored."

But Douglas agrees that the referendum had to be cancelled because there was not enough publicity and "what's the use of having a referndum and elections that nobody is going to show up to."

"This is all really disapointing and embarrassing," Clarke said.

photo by Xavier Nuez

While smoking has been banned at McGill, Concordia students can still puff away.

Fresher air at McGill

Concordia won't ban smoking

by Scott McCulloch

McGill is now the first Montreal university to ban smoking on campus, but Concordia refuses to be the second.

One year after Quebec's non-smokers' rights law came into effect, McGill decided Monday to ban smoking in all campus buildings except private offices, residences and student pubs.

The university cited protection of student and worker health as reasons for the ban. More than 40 major North American universities have implemented similar bans.

Although Concordia banned the sale of tobacco on campus last summer and prohibits smoking in elevators and escalators, vice-rector of services Charles Giguere said the university isn't planning to forbid smoking in all areas.

Concordia's Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) says the university is dragging its heels in protecting the rights and health of non-smokers, who form the majority of students on campus. The coalition is calling on Concordia to follow McGill's example and ban smoking in all public common areas of the university.

A proposal they are prearing to present to the Occupational Health and Safety Committee would limit smoking to specially designated rooms with separate ventilation.

The cost of ventilation would be more than offset by savings on fire insurance premiums, lower worker absenteeism and a drastic reduction in maintenance costs, says the committee.

CCAC member Andreas Seibert said legislation is imperative to protect Concordia's non-smoking majority, estimated at more than 70 per cent of students.

"I don't think very many people realize to what extent their health is being jeopardized by the present university climate," he said. "Everybody knows about second-hand smoke and lung cancer but how many are aware of the immediate effects such as headaches, sore throats, chest colds and nausea?"

Seibert said the Coalition has received many complaints from students with respiratory problems such as asthma and allergies who cannot tolerate walking through the smoke-filled corridors and hallways to get to classes.

More than 25 per cent of the university community suffers from underlying medical ailments that are exacerbated by second-hand tobacco smoke, added Seibert.

Concordia insurance co-ordinator Shan Impey agreed smokers are health and fire risks, but said the university would not save any money if it were to go smoke-free.

"In my opinion, the incidence of fire from smokers isn't significant enough to warrant a premium savings in public places," she said.

But, according to Underwriting Manager Leon St. Amour of Royal Insurance—one of the companies that insures Concordia—it is quite likely the university would save money if it banned smoking on campus.

"I've never been approached about this issue so we don't have a specific policy," he said, "but eliminating smoking would definitely decrease the risk of fires and this would be taken into account in

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Concordia plans employment equity

by Heidi Modro

In an effort to halt the historic discrimination against women by Concordia, an employment equity plan is being established.

The university has hired Kathleen Perry to research female representation in Concordia's work force and draw a plan of action to alter any inequities.

The project is part of a $2 million agreement signed with the Ministry of Education last November to eliminate female ghettos in the provinces' learning institutions.

Traditionally, women in institutions of higher edcation have held clerical positions and have remained under-represented as faculty members and athletic department staff.

Concordia is no exception to the rule, according to the advisor to the Rector on the status of women, Elisabeth Morey.

"Women at Concordia are grossly under-represented in certain areas," said Morey. "It will take a very long time before the situation is rectified."

A survey conducted by the Office of the Status of Women revealed that overall, women hold only seventeen per cent of full-time faculty positions. In some departments, they constitute only one per cent of the faculty.

For example, of 97 full-time teachers in the faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, only one is female. The survey showed that in the Arts and Science faculty, 87 out of the 452 full-time teachers were women. The Fine Arts department posted the largest percentage of women faculty members: 22 out of 69 were full-time teachers or about a third of the total.

Perry's job will be to look at these and other figures to determine what the best recourse is to increase the proportion of women as faculty members.

"Based on whatever patterns I will find, I will design an affirmative action program that will be in conformity with The Charter of Human Rights," Perry said.

She will decide to either continue the university's policy of equal oppurtunity, establish support programs, or enforce corrective measures.

Support programs being considered would provide easier time schedule for women and better day

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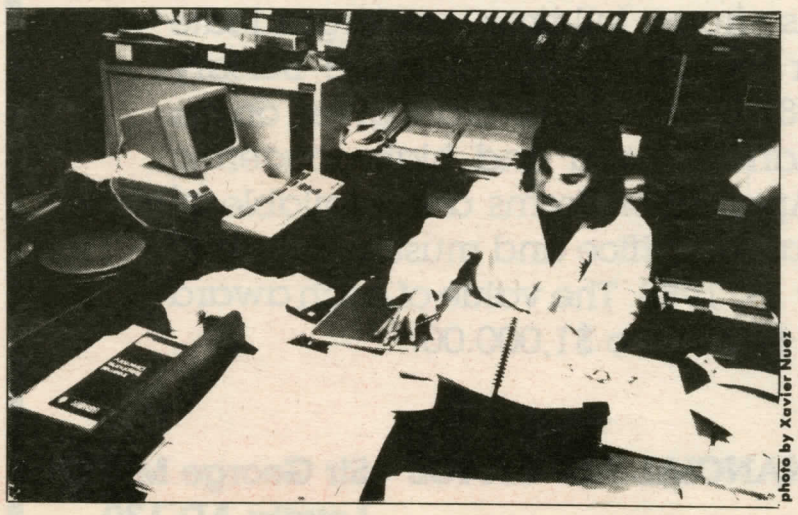

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Agenda

Use the Agenda to publicise any Concordia-related event. Drop off your info at our offices at Sir George(H-649) or mail it in, indicating Agenda on the envelope. Deadlines are 5 p.m. Friday for Tuesday issues and 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday issues.

FRIDAY JANUARY 22

Planning Meeting for Winter Carnival, 2 pm, Oasis Lounge in Loyola Campus Centre, top floor. Interested volunteers ae needed to make the event a success. Even if you have time restrictions, share your ideas.CUSAcorp 848-7430.

Stinger Women's Basketball vs Laval, 7:30 pm, Loyola Gym.

Bach concert with Rejean Poirier on Harpsichord, and Margaret Little on Viola, 8 pm, Loyola Chapel, FREE.

PH.D Workshop- Lease Capitalization in Canada: an analysis of contracting, transition accounting and market response, by Daniel Thornton, accounting professor from University of Toronto. 2 pm - 4 pm. 1550 de Maisonneuve Ouest GM 503-48. Coffee served.

Jazz Films at la Cinematheque Quebecoise. 18h35 "Ascenceur Pour L'echafaud, 20h35 "Woody Herman and his Orchestra" "What's Cooking" "Sensations" and "New Orleans", 335 de Maisonneuve est (metro Berri-UQAM) $2, tickets on sale at 18h.

SATURDAY JANUARY 23
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MONDAY JANUARY 25

Guest Speaker Dr Gaston Harnois on "Mental Health Policy For Quebec, 7:30 pm , 4333 Cote St Catherine road, corner Legare. FREE. info 731-8059.

Jewish Cultural Week- Jan 25 - 27, 2nd floor Mezzanine, Hall Building, 10 am - 9 pm.. Felafel sales, Isreali dancing, information booths, guest speakers. Opening ceremony 7 pm. info Larry 848-7492.

TUESDAY JANUARY 26

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Weekly Meetings of Concordia Students against Apartheid every monday night, 6 pm. P-Annex, 2020 Mackay, rm 203. Everyone welcome.

African Sculpture and Women artists of Montreal in the 1950s, at the Concordia Art Gallery, January 6-February 13. info: 848-**Practic Room** with piano available/Record lending library. come to AD 121 Loyola, Monday-Friday, 11am - 3pm. Info: 848-3510. Sponsored by the Dean of Students Office.

Study Skills Learn more in less time. Two session workshops starting January 20 or 25. Register at Concordia Guidance Services, 440 Hall building. info 848-3545.

Auberge Madeline a shelter for homeless women, needs volunteers. A training period will be provided. Women with free time, a good sense of humour, and a minimal ability in French contact Guylaine Racine at 844-4064/844-7578.

Concordia Full-time personnel- Information meetings on recent changes to the Pension Plan and Open Enrollment held Jan 27, Loyola, BR 207, 12:30 - 13:30/ SGW January 29, H-620, 12:30 - 13:30.

University Writing Test appointment cards now available at Registrars Services, AD-211 Loyola, N-107 SGW. You need an appointment card to write the test, which is on January 29, 4 pm at SGW,

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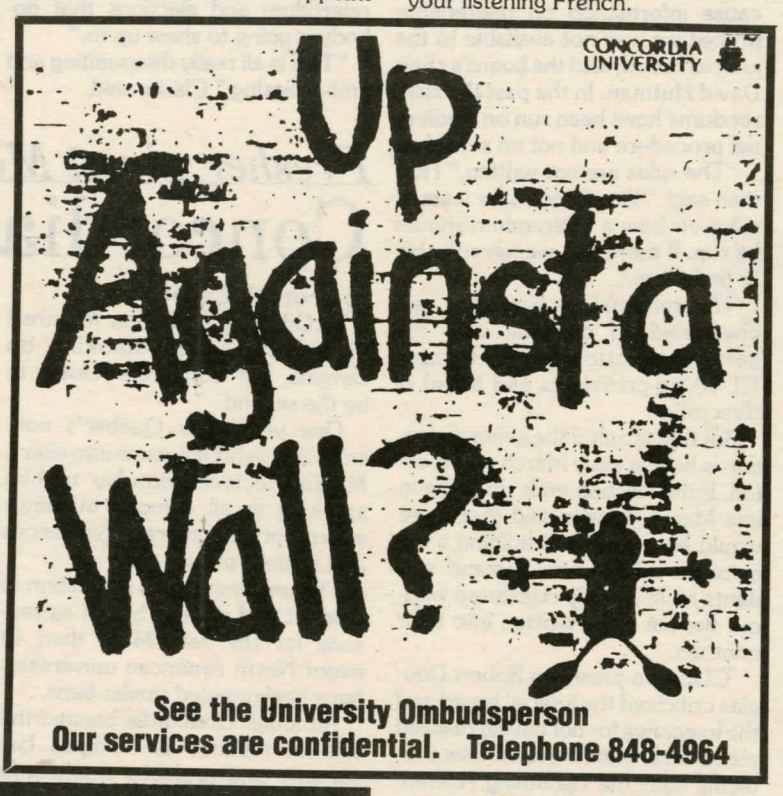

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ANEEQ plans another protest

by Brigitte Leclerc

Quebec's largest student association is trying to get Education Minister Claude Ryan back to the bargaining table to discuss reform of the education system.

L'Association nationale des etudiantes et etudiants du Quebec (ANEEQ) has already planned a protest for February 27 to keep up the pressure they put on the government last year.

The protest is scheduled to coincide with the Quebec Liberal Party's three day cnvention in Quebec City. The convention is the first step in setting an agenda for the next provincial election.

ANEEQ executive Jean-Pierre Paquet said the mobilization will be a "symbolic picket line rallying the activists" and that it is an effort to pressure the government into modifying their policies to address the needs of students.

Paquet said the government is not responding to the needs and the social reality of today's students because the provincial government's agenda has not changed in the past 20 years.

Ryan has said that he will listen to student demands, but is reluctant to debate the content of the government's plan.

Paquet said although the government seems unwilling to negotiate, ANEEQ plans to continue presenting their proposals so students will have a say in reforms that are expected to take place within the next two years.

Ryan has stated repeatedly that he will reform the current loans and bursary system by 1989-90.

ANEEQ's major demands include greater access to education, relaxed requirements for access to loans and bursaries and the abolition of tuition fees.

But Guy Beliveau, external vice president of Concordia's student association (CUSA) said ANEEQ is too busy arguing peripheral issues and not allowing enough time for the main issues.

"They go to these meetings here and there and instead of looking at their main objectives, they talk about small things such as getting bus passes for students, which is good, but then they have other things they should be (talking about)." Beliveau said.

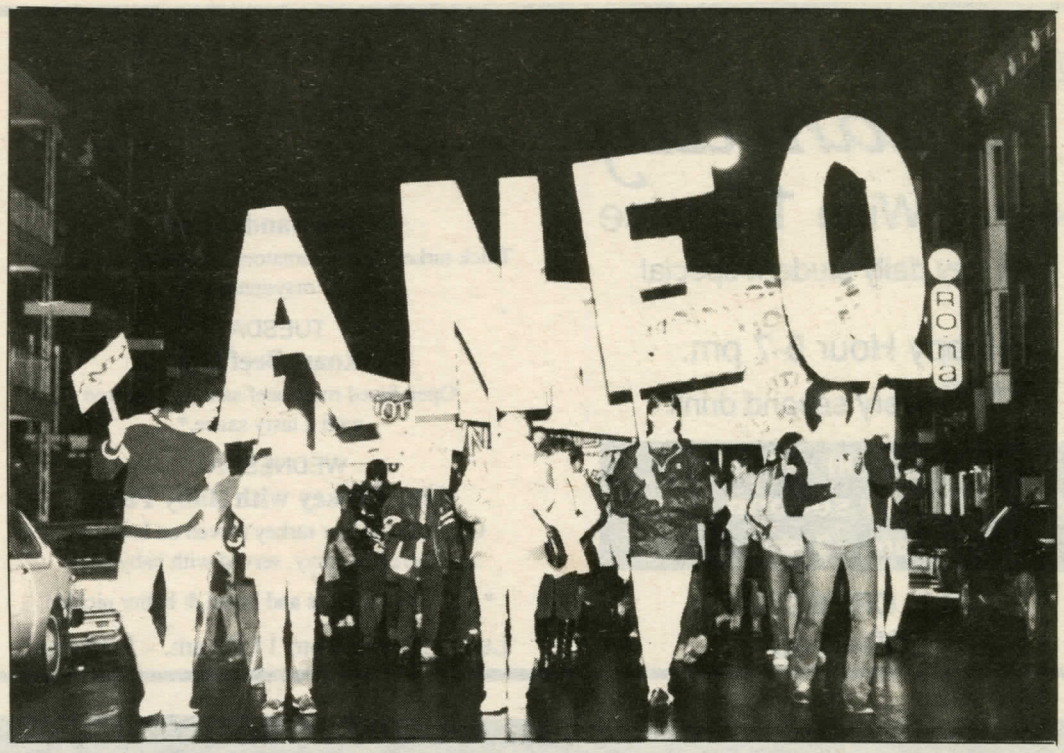
He said the Quebec student movement should concentrate on the issues most at stake instead of wasting time "lobbying the MUCTC and writing papers such as *Le Quebec etudiant* (ANEEQ's newspaper) which nobody reads."

"Realistically, we find it (ANEEQ) a waste of money," Beliveau said.

CUSA Co-president Maxine Clarke's assessment of ANEEQ is not as pessimistic as Beliveau's. She said ANEEQ was successful last year in maintaining the tuition fees at their present level.

"One thing I must say about ANEEQ is that they are well prepared. They have documentation, they know their information and they've been there for a while, so they have the experience," Clarke said. "(But) I'm not saying there are not any complaints about ANEEQ."

She said one of the problems may be the appearance that ANEEQ's executive has developed into a clique and that it is hard for english speaking students to become involved because the organization is predominantly french speaking.



With an added "E" in their name, ANEEQ will continue their tradition of protesting Quebec's government. The latest protest will coincide with next month's Liberal Party convention.

$673 000 giveaway

CUSA may lose control

by Rod Jacob

Concordia's student association will surrender any decision-making power in the construction of a downtown student centre when it donates almost $700,000 to the university, says a CUSA director.

CUSA's board of directors approved a contract with the university administration by an eleven to two margin at a meeting Tuesday night.

The contract—known as the CUSA Centre Trust Agreement—will donate to Concordia's Capital Campaign $673,000 held in trust by the university since the sale of a downtown student union building in 1975.

In exchange, CUSA will receive almost $100,000 earned on its building fund account in the period between June, 1986, and May, 1987. The university gave CUSA $40,000 of the sum in advance about six weeks ago. The other $57,000 will go to reduce CUSA's debts.

Arts and Science representative Alex Macpherson said that although he saw no problem with CUSA asking for the interest on the student centre account, he voted against the deal.

"The university definitely has control of that money—the university almost has a veto...I think we're confusing two issues," Macpherson said.

"The mezzanine should not have been included in this contract," he added, referring to CUSA's attempt to get interest payments from the account, and to the construction of a student centre in the Hall bilding mezzanine.

The terms of the agreement state that Concordia's administration will use the money that CUSA donates to the Capital Campaign to build a student centre in the Hall building mezzanine before 1995.

CUSA co-president Robert Douglas said the deal should reduce the student association's budget to "between zero and $15,000."

Douglas rejected suggestions that CUSA—by approving the contract-may have compromised the best interests of the students for the sake of paying off the association's debt of approximately $300,000.

"It's not even worth calling criticism," he said. "It's just one person's word against mine."

Macpherson said CUSA may be committing future Concordia students to an unnecessary agreement with the administration.

"By signing this agreement, we're locking ourselves in and we're not giving future administrations the option of locating somewhere else."

Vice-rector finance Maurice Cohen said money from the CUSA Centre Trust Agreement will be placed in the Capital Campaign because there is already money in the campaign fund which will go toward the construction of a student centre.

"The Capital Campaign is being used for many things, including a library," Cohen said.

He also said that money donated to the Capital Campaign can be earmarked for purposes other than library construction.

Douglas said the committee in charge of negotiating the contract has taken its time.

"Everything the board said to do with the document we did," he said. "It was an exercise in patience."

But last year's CUSA co-president Karen Takacs said she is disappointed the board voted for the deal.

"Last year we rejected a proposal that was better than this one," she said. "We will be at the mercy of the university..."

Douglas told to shape up

by Andy Riga

CUSA co-president Robert Douglas will be barred from student association board meetings if his language and behaviour don't improve, says board chairperson Diane Dyson.

In a terse letter, CUSA chairperson Dyson told Douglas: "Your behaviour is inexcusable because it consistently compromises the dignity of the Board and the CUSA directors."

Dyson wrote that Douglas has consistently disrupted board meetings and she will no longer tolerate his "constant heckling, speaking out of turn, and unparliamentary language."

In an interview Tuesday, Dyson said, "I'll give him one more warning and then it may come to throwing him out of the meeting."

She said "the last straw" was Douglas' behaviour during last Monday's meeting. Laughing at another director's question, Douglas rolled on the floor while holding his stomach.

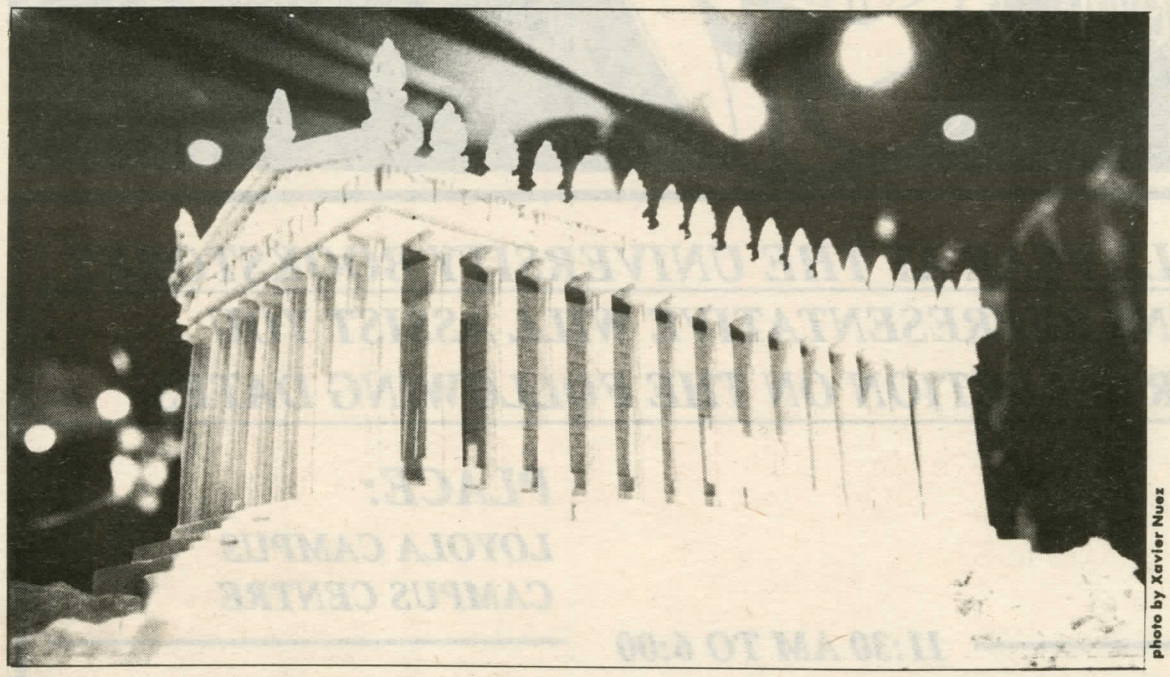
"I've given him several verbal warnings, but after talking with some CUSA directors who complained about his language and behaviour, I decided a formal letter was necessary," she said.

According to Douglas, board meetings are "complete jokes" because some members don't understand CUSA's policies and they waste a lot of time. He said Dyson's warning won't make him change his behaviour.

"I'm sorry but if someone is being a complete fool I'm going to laugh," he said. "If she wants to throw me out of a meeting, she can."

Douglas said that he would not find being barred from board meetings.

"Actually, that would be great because it would be saving my ears from all the repetition that goes on during those meetings," he said. "I'm a human being. I'm not going to sit there and pretend I'm the world's most behaved person."



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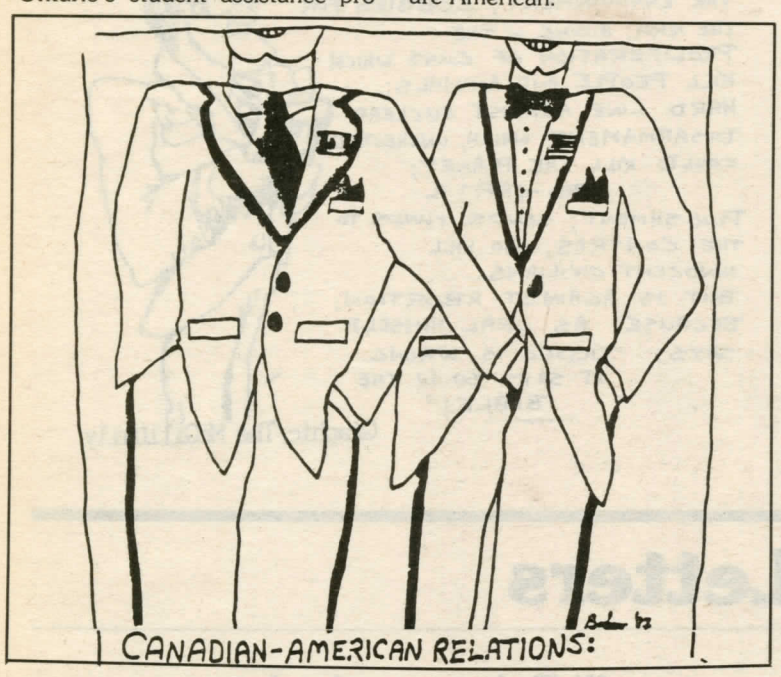
Kwinter said the increasing number of American institutions offering degree programs in Canada is something to watch, but he hopes the high tuition of the programs will continue to act as a deterrent.

"Where we do have the control is that our universities are all state-financed," said Kwinder adding that Ontario's student assistance program also helps to defray the cost of a Canadian university education, but not a foreign one.

Kwinter spoke at the University of Toronto to outline the Ontario government's opposition to the recently signed free trade pact.

The minister said an economic union between Canada and the U.S. won't work because the cultures are so similar and Canada is already dominated by the States. He pointed out that 42 per cent of all Canadian industry is already American-owned, and 95 per cent of all prime television shows, music and films are American.



"We have a severe problem and we have to be extra vigilant to make sure that we don't get swept away by it," Kwinter said. "There's very little to differentiate us if we want to maintain that Canadian identity."

A graduate of Syracuse Univsersity and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Kwinter added he knows the American way of life but said "there is a quality of life in Canada that people cherish."

He said the free trade pact does not give Canadians any more of an economic advantage than they already have, while it gives the U.S. a coveted continental energy policy.

"What we have done is given them the right to proportional access to our energy," he said, explaining that Canadian oil producers will no longer be able to charge different prices to domestic and industrial consumers.

Kwinter said there is a common misconception that an iron curtain lies across the border to the U.S. and if Canadians could only raise it, 250 million more people will buy their products.

"At this point in time 80 per cent of all trade of goods and services between Canada and the United States is duty-free," he said, noting the number of tariff items decreases with each round of talks of General Agreement on Tariff and Trade (GATT).

"Anything that reduces tariffs and barriers is good," he said. "But it's got to be done in a way that allows some time for adjustment."

City looks at race relations

by Mitu Sengupta
reprinted from the Daily

The Montreal Urban Community (MUC) Advisory Committee on inter- racial and inter-cultural relations held its first set of public hearings at community centres across the city.

The committee was set up two years ago to ensure accessibilty of community services for minority groups in Montreal.

Since then, the committee has written one annual report of recommendations made by various organizations of minority groups.

"The committee's main goal is to promote and respect and to eliminate racism and discrimination," said Robert Kourie, chair of the committee.

The committee has come under fire from some community groups. Thelma Wallen, a consultant with Nutrition Consulting Services said, "The MUC committee has done very little. We made almost the same reccommendations about a year ago."

"The committee, as it presently stands, does not have the standing or importance that is required," said Pascual Delgado, of the Montreal YMCA.

Delgado wants the committee to become a statuatory commission with "real powers and a larger budget."

"Our ethno-cultural communities are wary of the fruitless consultations of this nature that we have participated in for more than ten years," Delgado said.

Kouries insists his committee is different. "The MUC has recognized and implemented the committee's recommendations. We can see results in the hiring policy of the Montreal police and transportation services department," he said.

Additional hearings will be held in February and a report from the public hearings will be presented to the MUC in February.

Con U still smoking

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setting our pricing."

Both Concordia's no-smoking policy and Quebec's Bill 84 have been heavily citicized for being too lenient.

Although Concordia's policy states "the security department is responsible for ensuring that (no-smoking) signs are posted in areas where flammable...materials are stored," it does not add that guards should enforce the regulations.

Occupational Health and Safety coordinator Mary Baldwin said the board agrees that secondary smoke is a health hazad, but it is not in a position to impose rules to ban smoking completely.

"You have to cooperate with non-smokers and smokers. It is a long-term educational process," she said.

Seibert disagreed with what he called Baldwin's "do-nothing approach". He said that she is failing in her responsibility and that he questions her motives.

"She's been spouting the same double-speak for years," he said. "That 'educate the masses approach' is just an insult to students' intelligence. Besides, she hasn't spent one red cent educating anybody on this issue. Maybe she should begin to educate herself."

Equity

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care facilities for their children. Enforcing corrective measures would entail hiring women candidates over men of equal qualifications.

The heads of all faculties have pronounced themselves in favour of any affirmative action plan for women.

Chairperson of the Engineering and Computer Sciences department, Dean M.N.S. Swamy, said he supports employment equity for women.

"We are in support of affirmative action for women," he said. "We would like to see more women teaching and also studying engineering."

"We are 100% in favour," said Associate Dean of Arts and Science Irene Devine. "I personally am very excited and pleased. This kind of planning shows that the university has a forward looking approach."

"Resistance to change is to be expected. The only way to bring about equity is to work through structural changes to force people to think differently," Devine said.

Morey warns though that any affirmative action plan will meet oposition.

"There's obviously going to be some opposition. It won't be a virulent verbal opposition (but it will be an opposition born) from misconceptions about what affirmative action is," Morey said.

News Briefs

Porn ads in campus kits

Winnipeg (CUP)—Students picked up ads for "XXX-rated videos", erotic 35 mm slides" and "sexy shoes" with their 'Grab-it' packages at the University of Winnipeg recently.

The packages, marketed by the avertising firm R.J. Clegg Ltd., feature promotional flyers, discount coupons and product samples. The U of W student council, UWSA, has a contract with the Toronto firm to distribute the packages on campus in return for a portion of the revenues they generate.

"Clearly a tenth of the ads are pornographic or very questionable about what it is they are selling," said Karen Thiessen, of the U of W's women's centre, adding the centre plans to ask the council to remove the ads.

Both the council and the advertising firm say they were not aware the packages contained ads for pornographic material.

"I'm sure the company that put it into the package did not know what it contained," said Clegg spokesperson Ron Peck. "It was a rush job because of time constraints and it was sent up from their American counterpart."

Dan Guetre, vice-president student services for UWSA, said the council has no advertising policy but they may either stop distributing the packages or ask Clegg to leave the prnographic ads out of future 'grab-it' packages.

Overcrowded? Sue your prof.

Ottawa (CUP)—Professors teaching in overcrowded classrooms may be legally liable for ignoring fire regulations, says an executive of the faculty association at Carleton University.

George Neuspiel, president-elect of Carleton's Academic Staff Association (CUASA) said CUASA brought it to administration's attention during an early January meeting.

The association was responding to a memo from the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations warning of potential legal problems for a professor who teaches in a class he or she knows is unsafely overcrowded.

The memo refers to The Building Code Act which states that the occupant load for classrooms is one person per 1.85 square metres. The memo also recommends that "faculty should refuse to teach in overcrowded classrooms."

Neuspiel said that administration may post new Fire Marshall notices, making them plainly visible to those entering the class since the old signs have been covered up over the years.

Turn Garbage into bursaries

Vancouver (CUP)—Geology students at the University of British Columbia now have access to a $600 bursary because one professor believes in the principle "waste not, want not."

Professor Wibert Danner of geological sciences donated $7000 to a bursary with money he raised by collecting empty cans, bottles and loose change from UBC's beaches and grounds.

"This fund really shows students what a waste of money it is to throw stuff around on the beach," Danner said.

Danner said "there is no stigma attached" to collecting bottles and cans and said he knows of other faculty who do the same thing.

But Danner's bursary, aptly named the "beer, pop, can, bottle, deposit, refund bursary," almost never got off the ground.

The Senate awards committee thought Danner's bursary title inappropriate and named it the 'department of geological sciences bursary.' Danner objected to the renaming.

Student gets hearing device

Halifax (CUP)—One more hearing-impaired student at St. Mary's University can make and receive calls on their home phone this week.

A local service club donated a $700 Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD) to the Atlantic Centre of Support for Disabled Students, with headquarters at the University

"I don't think people realize the importance (of TDD's). And some hospitals, police and fire stations don't have them," said rehabilitation cousellor Barry Abbott.

The device has a printer and keyboard and an answering machine which plugs into a regular telephone.

The centre also loans devices which print out television dialogue, trains sign-language interpreters to attend classes with students and finds volunteers to take class notes for those who can't.

Abbott says Canada is 30 years behind the United States in its programs for hearing-impaired students.

He cites statistics which show that some 350 American hearing-impaired students were studying at the university level in 1955, just before note-taking and tutoring programs were set up. In 1985, the number had risen to 11,000. Abbott knows of only 17 hearing-impaired students in Halifax.

The Atlantic Centre is one of three "Centres of Excellence" set up by the federal government in 1985. The other two, at the universities of Alberta and Western Ontario, are researching deaf education and communication with the speech-impaired, respectively.

Comment

Israeli army causes violence

Kai Sun Cahn

As a non-Arab, I am Appalled at what is happening in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The Israeli Zionist army has ruthlesly sopressed demonstration in the occupied territories since this new outbreak of violence began Dec. 9,1987.

It killed 24 Palestinians as of Jan. 6, and wounded scores of others. It arrested hundreds of people. The Israeli army also draged many Palestinians from the hospitals. It gave no mercy to the wounded.

The international community has condemned Israel for its uncontrolled actions in the occupied territories. David Meller, the British minister of state for foreign affairs, described the conditions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip as an "affront to civilized values." He was angry at an Israeli officer who arrested a 14 year-old. The United States told Israel to use restraint, but to no avail.

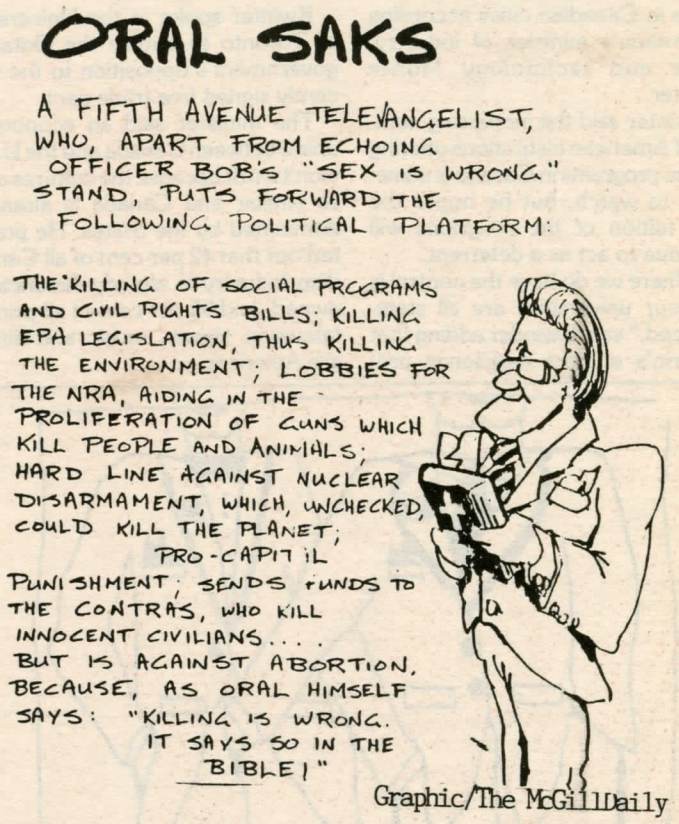
I am very ashamed of Brian Mulroney"s remarks on the situation. He said that "The Israeli army has acted with restraint." In my opinion he deserved the harsh criticism from Arabs and non-Arabs alike. The Israeli Zionist army isn't showing restraint and is arresting any Palestinian who is a "terrorist." That means any Palestinian using violence or non-violence against the Zionist occupier. It shot an innocent Palestinian woman on Jan. 3, 1988 by "accident."

The reason for the violence is Israel's Zionistracist policies in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Israel denies the Palestinians the right to vote, to assemble publicly, to make a decent living, to live in the territories etc. David Meller said that "it is appalling that a few miles up the coast there is prosperity, and here there is misery on a scale that rivals anything anywhere in the world." I believe Israel's zionist policies are equal to those of South Africa's apartheid policies. Also, the Zionist government calls the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) a "terrorist" organization and arrests supporters of the groupfor five years or more.

The Palestinian youths are fed up with more than 20 years of Zionist racist occupation. They are not afraid of the Israeli army. They would die fighting rather than give in.

The solution to the violence is to have an international peace conference with the five major powers of the United Nations' Security Council and the major players in the Middle East, especially the PLO. The PLO, formed in 1964, is the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. In recent polls, the PLO is supported by 90 per cent of the Palestinian people. The PLO cause is the Palestinian cause and vice versa. Israel and Jordan don't represent the Palestinians.

Tawfic Farah, an editor of the journal of Arab Affairs, said that " peace will break out only when the Palestinians are treated with dignity and their legitimate right to self-determination is recognized." I believe that day will come for the Palestinians.



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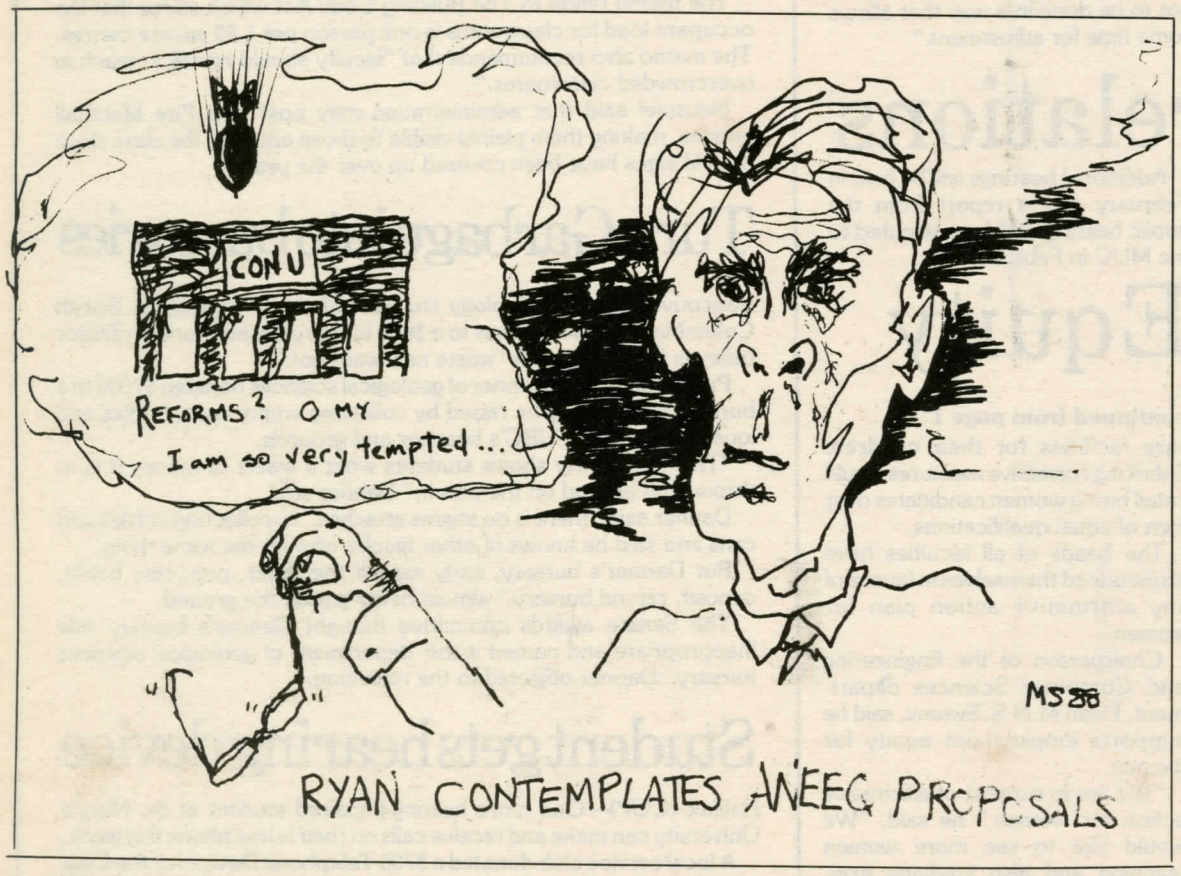

Letters

We'll photocopy elsewhere

to the editor

As students at Concordia, we feel the need to share our wonderful experience at Copieville with the public, at a time of year when all students use duplication services, we discovered, much to our surprise that Copieville's prices do not include FST (Federal Sales TAX). Thus, when you walk in expecting to pay $10 plus tax for your copies, be aware that it won't be: $10 plus nine per cent $10.90, but rather $10 plus 12 per cent plus nine per cent $12.21.

Now Concordia's own copy centre although charging six cents (all taxes included) for a regular copy as opposed to five cents plus taxeS at Copieville is cheaper.

When presented with the suggestion that copieville's prices be advertised specifying explicitly that both FST and PST were not included, the Copieville manager was very indifferent and unwilling to heed our request. We explained that we felt the advertised price of five cents per copy was deceitful and that the general student population, if informed, would share our opinion. The manager's reply was, "if you want to tell other people, go right ahead. This is the way we've been doing business for years!" As for ourselves, we will no longer use the more expensive services at Copieville.

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Disorder in the court

by Tu Thanh Ha
Canadian University Press

While other students were preparing for their final examinations last month, Diane Brassard was patiently phoning around for hours, trying to document her upcoming class action suit.

A Demography student, Brassard will go to court February 3 to challenge the legality of a $40 per term incidental fee charged to all University of Montreal students.

The day before Brassard is scheduled to appear, a similar class action suit will also be heard as Tauhid Rahman will represent 1700 fellow students who were charged an average of $100 to attend Dawson College last summer.

As they become more underfunded every year, Quebec universities and colleges are increasingly charging additional sums they say will pay for class materials, lab equipment, or photocopy costs —in turn increasingly leading students to contest the legality of those fees.

In the process, four separate lawsuits have been filed within one year in Montreal, students who refuse to pay the fees have had their transcript withheld—thus becoming uneligible for financial aid—while five others are still facing criminal charges after occupying their rector's office in a protest.

According to Brassard's lawyer, the issue of incidental fees goes beyond the amount of money her client is charged twice every year.

"Some would say that $40 is a small sum but that's a subjective consideration," said Paula Laviolette. "The question here is whether incidental fees constitute a right or an abuse of power on the university's part.

"Does an institution have the right to change its fees unilateraly during a school year? If you agree with that, it would set aside every concept we have had about contractual obligations in civil law."

Besides Brassard's and Rahman's cases, two other lawsuits contesting the legality of incidental fees were also filed after Concordia started charging a $3.50 per credit fee for class materials in September 1986.

One suit, filed by Concordia student Bettina Rosenberg, was unsuccessfully heard in small claims court in March 1987. The other, a class action suit, was rejected last Spring when Justice Charles Gonthier ruled that Frederic Allali, the student petitioner, needed a formal mandate from Concordia's student association. Allali's case is being appealed.

The U of M fee was instituted in July 1986. However, the $40 charge was not mentioned in either the 1986-87 university calendar or the payment regulations listed on the back of the student registration form.

"I had not been notified that there would be a fee for course materials when I registered," said Brassard. "The fee was not explained on the registration forms either. It looked like they used the forms from the year before."

After some students tried to pay only $1 in protest, the university withheld their transcripts, a sanction normally applied when students don't pay tuition fees.

"Students are not against paying the incidental fee, they are against the fact it is a disguised form of tuition fee," said Martin Lefebvre, an executive of FAECUM, the federation of student councils of the University of Montreal.

FAECUM has officially given its support to Brassard's class action suit. The suit is the latest effort by U of M students to protest the fee. Last spring, they occupied the offices of university rector Gilles Cloutier for five days. Five were arrested and charged with obstruction of justice when police were called in to disperse the students.

"It is very obvious that the money collected will go to cover the deficit," Lefebvre said. "The university has been presenting two different positions. Outside of the institution, they say the fee pays for learning material but within their meetings, they say the money will go towards the deficit."

The University of Montreal has a $27 million accumulated deficit. In his annual report, published March 2, 1987, rector Gilles Cloutier wrote that "students will also have to share the sacrifices" necessary to balance the school's budget. The university collects $1.5 million in incidental fees per year.

At Dawson College, students have also been asked to help cover their institution's $1.5 million deficit, a decision that was ill-received following revelations that the school's administrators were receiving illegal bonuses.

The new incidental fees were also collected while they still hadn't been approved by the Quebec ministry of education.

"My major grapes is not necessarily that they charged fees, it is the way they went around about it," said student council president Christopher Meehan.

"The college decided it was a rush thing for the summer so they charged the fee illegally when it still was not approved by the government," Meehan said, adding that the council had given support to the class action suit filed by Dawson student Tauhid Rahman.

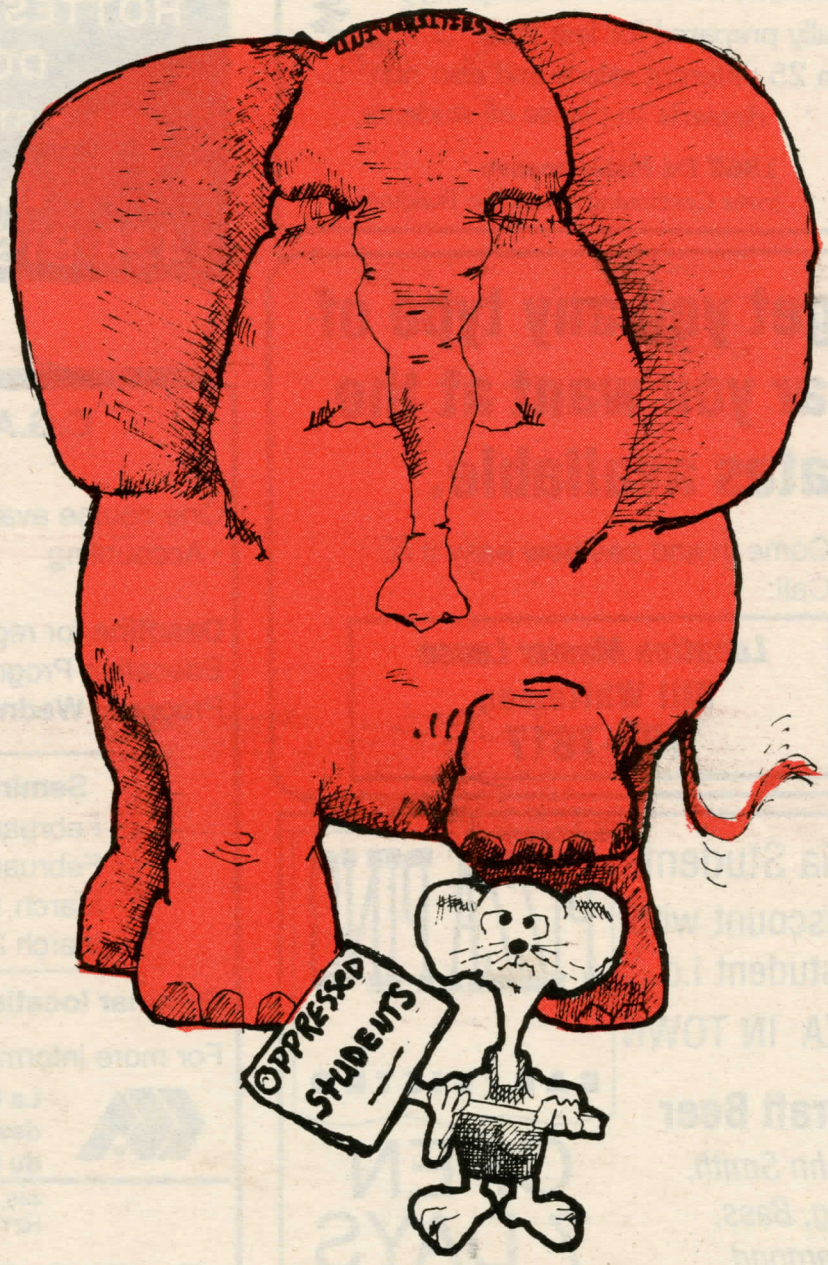
The Dawson incidental fees were adopted at a May 1987 meeting of the college board of governors—with fees for summer school set at $1 per course hour. At another board meeting in June, specific fee rates were also set for registration, convocation, printed materials, library books and various other items.

An August letter from the Quebec ministry of education to Dawson College says however that "it would be impossible to recommend approval of the fees under their present form."

According to the court document filed for Tauhid Rahman's class action, "Dawson had no right to charge fees for summer session 1987 and therefore acted illegally."

Over $170,000 were collected illegally by the college this summer, the document says.

"The college is always advertising how important students are for them," said Meehan. "Yet the administration of our school is trying to screw students more and more."



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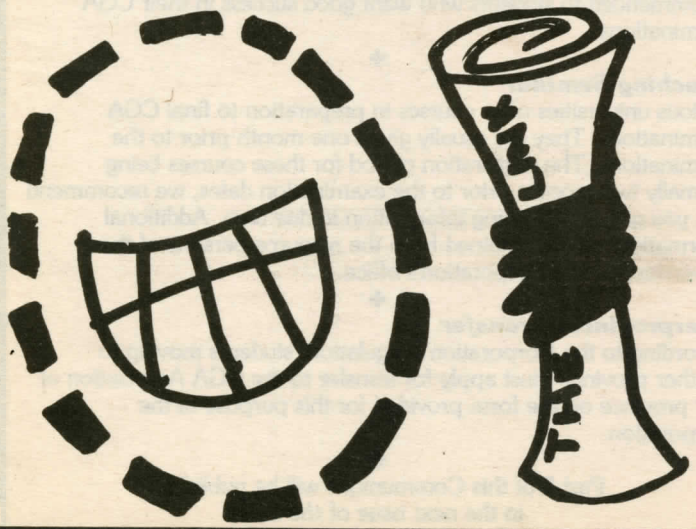

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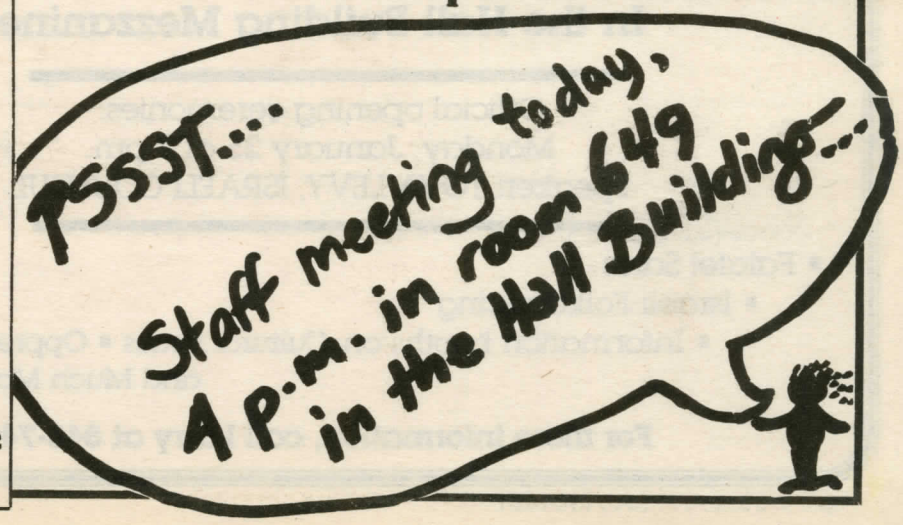

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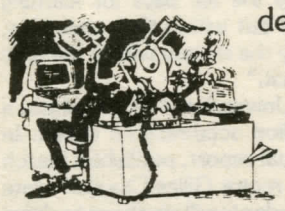

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The ***CGA Magazine*** is bilingual and is published each month by the CGA Association of Canada. It contains articles of current interest and helps establish contact with CGAs across the country. Members and students receive it.

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Also on sale by the Corporation are Lesson Notes from the national program corresponding with the final exams. Final exam Questions and Solutions are collected and published annually in an Examination booklet in order to help students in their preparation. It is also possible to obtain these volumes at university libraries and cooperatives. These books are not compulsary but are strongly recommended to students who want good success in their CGA examinations.

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Coaching Seminar
Various universities offer courses in preparation to final CGA examinations. They are usually given one month prior to the examinations. The registration period for these courses being normally two months prior to the examination dates, we recommend that you get all pertaining information in due time. Additional information can be obtained from the resource persons of the universities or the Corporation's office.

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Interprovincial transfer
According to the Corporation's regulation, students moving to another province must apply for transfer to the CGA Association of that province on the form provided for this purpose at the Corporation.

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Taking a good look at porn

Caught Looking: Feminism, Censorship and Pornography
Published by Caught Looking Inc.

by Samantha Brennan
reprinted from the Dalhousie Gazette

Caught Looking is not the sort of feminist theory text they'll assign you at university.

Just say you're buying it for the articles.

But if you're interested in the debate about pornography and censorship, *Caught Looking* is a welcome relief from the piles of oh-so-serious articles and editorials on the subject.

The magazine's stance is both feminist and anti-censorship. The collection contains articles by Pat Califia, Kate Ellis, Lisa Duggan, Carol Vance and others, but they're standard fare. If you're at all familiar with the debate within feminism surrounding pornography and censorship, you'll have heard it all before.

The strength of *Caught Looking* isn't so much the material as the context in which it's presented. It's a glossy, soft-cover magazine crammed full of black and white smutty photographs. *Caught Looking* is really trying to convince the reader through pictures.

By including hundreds of examples of porn in various forms, the editors have made it impossible to think about the issues without seeing exactly what's at stake.

Smut from an earlier age—censored for public viewing....

In the scrapbook's introduction, the editors explain that the purpose of including pornography is to challenge male control of sexually explicit material. It is because men have controlled the medium, they argue, that few women—even women involved in the anti-porn movement—have had much exposure to the material.

They write: "For many of us, the porn exhibited in various anti-porn slide shows, together with one or two dirty books or girlie magazines passed around in our high school classes, constitutes the only pornography we've come in contact with."

The photos range from soft commercial porn to art, and from the usual straight male stuff to work created by those interested in portraying sexuality outside the mainstream. There are women alone, women with women, women with men, men with men, even women with cucumbers and men with whips.

What these photos and drawings have in common is that they challenge the traditional stereotypes of pornography. There's very little here that's violent, hateful or menacing. Instead there's playfulness, mischieviousness, and a lot of just plain funny poses.

Most of the pictures are from private collections and some of the best photos can be found in the lower right-hand corner of each page, representing pornography from 1890 on.

Traditionally feminists have argued that pornography is at the root of women's oppression and that censorship is necessary to end violence against women.

But many feminists, particularly lesbians and artists, have sounded a note of caution. They fear legislation designed to control pornography will be used by the state to control alternative expressions of sexuality. *Caught Looking* raises these questions.

We need to talk more about pornography.

Ironically, Canada's existing obscenity laws (never mind what effect the government's proposed new laws might have) were used to seize *Caught Looking* at the British Columbia border. In June, organizers of a women's centre conference in that province ordered copies of the book to be sold at the sight. *Caught Looking* and *Sex Works*, an anthology of writings by women in the sex trade, weren't allowed in the country.

Caught Looking was released only after an appeal by the Vancouver Women's Bookstore. Customs officials decided the book was of educational value. It would teach what pornography was and what it wasn't.

But it's not just government censorship some feminists are worrying about. In Halifax, copies of *Caught Looking* arrived from the United States without a hitch. The local alternative bookstore, Red Herring, received the books as ordered but store workers weren't quite sure what to do with them.

Caught Looking was on the shelves for a short while until a staff member decided the book was offensive and copies were moved to the storeroom. After a series of staff exchanges on the issue, *Caught Looking* was returned to the shelves.

It's obvious that we all need to talk more about pornography—before we close the gates, and our minds, too soon.

Unfortunately, the editors of *Caught Looking* will have a hard time exposing their book to people who have been frightened away from pornography. There's no soft-peddling of the material here. It's pretty clear from the cover what you're buying.

But for women and men who want to find out what's really out there but don't know where to look, *Caught Looking* is a visual feast. And these kinds of books provide an opportunity for women to talk more about what kind of pornography we do like, as well as what we don't.

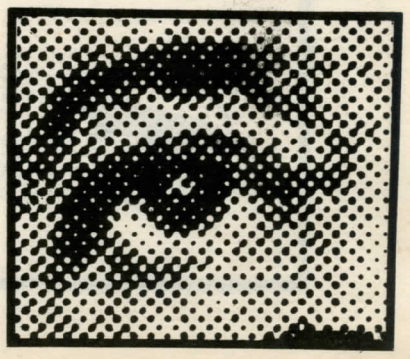
There's very little here that's violent, hateful or menacing.

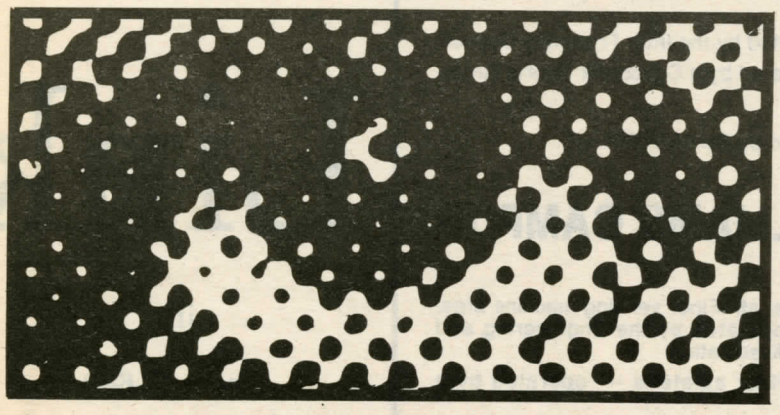
For feminists embarrassed about the explicit material, the political analysis in the *Caught Looking* essays offers the perfect excuse to buy. Just say you're buying it for the articles....

Caught Looking was produced by Hannah Alderfer, Beth Jaker, Marybeth Nelson, Kate Ellis, Nan D. Hunter, Barbara O'Dair and Abby Tallmar.

Its three designers—Alderfer, Jaker and Nelson—have worked together on a number of sex-related projects together. They produced the special issue of *Heresies*, a journal about feminism and culture, and designed the cover of Carol Vance's book *Pleasure and Danger*.

Caught Looking has sold out at Androgyne Bookstore. Pressure them—maybe there'll be a reprint...





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Montreal Women Artists of the 1950's: a tribute to some of the women who "played an enormous and unprecedented role in the formation of what has come to be called the Ecole de Montreal". Until Feb.13 at the Concordia Art Gallery in the Hall Building.

Contemporary Posters from Holland- an exhibit at the UQAM Centre for Design, 200 Sherbrooke W., open noon to six. The thing opens on Wednesday at 6pm and closes Feb.7.

Berlin Cinema a month of German films at the Goethe Institute. Films are happening just about every day until Jan.31 and for $2 a piece it's not a bad deal—call 842-9678 for info. German film posters are also on exhibit until Jan.29. The Goethe-Institut is at 418 Sherbrooke E.

The Frantics comedy on CBC Radio on Saturday at 11:35 am. "Jimmy and Barney" fly you to the future to look at CBC-TV programming, the Star Trek Church, and a Space Speederama.

Cinema and Human Rights an ongoing series at Concordia's Montreal Conservatory of Cinematographic Art, presents three films over the weekend. Saturday- 10:30pm: *La Bataille d'Alger* (English subtitles). Sunday- 7pm: *General Idi Amin Dada* (French); 9pm: *The Times of Harvey Milk*.

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Sports

A quiet path to the Olympics

by Armand Thomas

Like every Friday night, they formed five rows stretching to the far wall of Concordia's old Victoria School gym. Barefooted, fists tightly clenched, knees slightly bent, their uniforms damp with perspiration, they were poised for a series of spinning hook kicks. Only the colour of their belts set one apart from the other.

"Ready...ONE!" ordered instructor George Kim, setting off a whirlwind of flying limbs and guttural screams.

But while most Tae Kwon Do students landed unsteadily and scrambled to regain their stance, the young stout woman at the end of the first row came around with such speed and precision, with such icy determination in her eyes that it was instantly obvious she was no ordinary athlete.

Kim-Du Trinh was Canada's Karate Open champion for the past three years, and, in a year which began with a major tournament victory before 12 000 fans at the Atlanta Omni, the North American champion for 1987.

It's a long way from the Victoria gym to the State of Georgia, but it's even farther to South Korea, where a Martial Arts form will make its first appearance as an Olympic demonstration sport. Korean-style karate—or Tae Kwon Do—is Kim's ticket to Seoul.

"I have little time for anything else besides concentrating on the Olympics," says Kim, 21, explaining why she postponed her Commerce studies after completing one semester at Concordia.

Adapting from Open Karate to Tae Kwan Do is unusual. Although she holds a black belt in three different styles of karate—Shotokan, Sankudo and Tae Kwon Do—and teaches the latter to an intramural class, Kim's inexperience in Tae Kwon Do competition forces her to train intensively for the March 26 Canadian Championships which will determine who goes to Seoul.

Open karate is like a series of short sprints. The referee stops the action to award a point to the fighter who landed a punch or kick. Counter-punches, or counterkicks, are worthless. The entire bout lasts two to three minutes.

Olympic Tae Kwon Do is based on endurance. Three non-stop rounds last two to three minutes each, and the use of the hands is kept to a strict minimum. This kicking-aspect of the sport is perfectly suited to Kim's style.

"You could do well in Open Karate with good hands," she says, "but in Tae Kwon Do there are no punches to the face; you have to rely more on your legs. And I have good kicks, timing and speed."

From stand-still position, the 5'2" Kim has been known to devastate much taller opponents with a foot they couldn't even see, much less block.

"She has always been very athletic and strong but still incredibly flexible," says childhood friend George Kim. "To see such raw talent so refined is rare."

Mike Gregory, the main instructor of Concordia's Tae Kwon Do club and Kim's coach for the past two and a half years, says her qualities go far beyond mere physical ability. She has a great capacity for concentration and devotion. She has total commitment. And just as importantly, she's a great student of the sport who doesn't forget the spiritual side of the discipline, he says.

"What makes Kim special is that she's reached a high level of competition and hasn't been absorbed by it," says Gregory.

"People join for the sports aspect, fighting for a medal, and forget the philosophy and traditions of Tae Kwon Do," says Kim.

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Kim has nurtured the Olympic dream only since last month. Encouraged by Gregory, she now trains under several instructors, including a former coach of the South Korean Army Tae Kwon Do team.

"There aren't too many like her," says Master Kim. He says his new student has excellent kicking technique, but she tends to lack continuity in her moves, a habit from the Open Karate hit-and-stop rules.

But it's not a problem she can't correct in her 25-30 hours per week of training, excluding some road exercises, weightlifting and endless skipping.

Kim is also following a high fibre, low fat diet. Because unlike Open Karate which has no weight divisions, Olympic Tae Kwon Do athletes compete within their own weight class.

So Kim will have to trim 17 pounds in two months, gong from 129 to 112 pounds in order to qualify as a Bantam weight.

In that category, everyone agrees, the challenge in Ottawa will be negligible and, as one of four Canadian women going to Seoul, she would have an excellent shot at a medal.

And even if she doesn't drop the excess weight, says Gregory, "she's used to fighting big girls."

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The way Kim entered the world of Martial Arts sounds like a contrived cliche: by watching Bruce Lee films. Actually, that's how the interest was sparked—she first joined a club nine years ago to accompany a shy friend who wouldn't go alone. The friend soon quit. Kim stayed.

Success came to her quickly, almost naturally. And yet, the same sort of bashfulness and unadorned simplicity the North American champion displays today was evident in the 15-year-old girl from Lemoyne D'Iberville High School in Longueuil.

"Nobody knew she was doing karate," says schoolmate George Kim. "I met her at a tournament. That's how I found out. She wasn't hiding it, she just doesn't boast.

"It's impossible for one person to be liked by everybody," he says pointing to the intramural class behind him, but Kim is as close as it comes."

The youngest of six children of Vietnamese parents, Kim was once told by a doctor that she owed a lot of her talent to her parents.

That is, she was born with natural abilities—although her parents sometimes prefer their daughter would quit before she gets injured.

"They just don't realize what I'm doing," says Kim. Only her father knows she might be heading to the Olympics, and he only found out after wondering why she's not attending school.

As for her mother: "I'll wait until she asks me the same question."

But with or without the Olympics, Karate, Tae Kwon Do or any other Martial Art form that Kim practises are imbedded in her life like sleeping and eating.

"It never entered my mind to be world class," she says. "I train seriously but I don't put too much pressure on myself. "

"It's just a game," she says of the competitive element of Tae Kwon Do. "People take it too seriously. You're not defending your life."

Should she return from the Games with a medal swinging from her neck, it will probably find a prominent place in her basement, among, what she calls, the rest of the "hardware collecting dust."

photo by Armand Thomas

Kim-Du Trinh is no ordinary Tae Kwon Do enthusiast kicking around at the Victoria gym. This Concordia student is hoping for a spot on the Canadian Olympic team.

Hockey team wins in a big way

by Lisa MacLean

After going scoreless against the top three university teams in the U.S. last week, the Concordia women's hockey team showed no mercy for league rival Trois-Rivieres.

The Stingers breezed to a 15-0 victory, allowing the Patriotes a measly five shots on net which goalie Karen Kane easily turned aside.

Newcomer Nancy Moore led the onslaught with five goals in her debut with Concordia.

Moore was recruited from John Abbott after the 1985-86 season,during which she was the league's second top scorer behind former Stinger Janice McDougall. Moore was not able to join the team in September because she was a part-time student. Only full-time students can play on varsity teams.

Janet Neely also binged on the Patriotes, scoring four goals. The team's leadig scorer, Therese Brisson, scored once and picked up four assists.

Concordia assistant coach Julie Healy said it was good for the players to break out of the short scoring slump, but only as long as the team performs well as a unit.

"It's hard to play disciplined hockey when you're playing an undisciplined team," she said. "It's hard to prepare mentally after playing strong disciplined teams in the States."

Although the Stingers' defensive play improved during the weekend tournament in Rhode Island, said Healy, the team obviously didn't have much opportunity to continue working on that aspect of the game against Trois-Rivieres.

She was, however, glad to see the team take more shots instead of waiting for the perfect set-up, precisely what they'll have to keep doing against tougher teams.

Only one point separates Concordia and undefeated Laval in the race for first place in the league. The Rouge et Or handed the Stingers their first league loss in two years in December, but coach Les Lawon said the team is ready to take them on.

"I think we're a much better team," he said. "They just seem to bring out the worst in us."

The championship could very well be decided on the last game of the season when the rivals go head-to-head in Quebec City on February 27.

But the Stingers' more immediate concern are the Bishop's Gaiters who drop by at Loyola next Tuesday.

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Patriote defensemen take their turn in the net but to no avail as the Stingers score again on their way to a 15-0 rout.

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